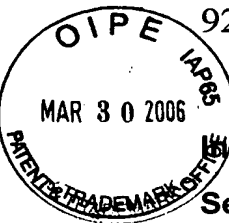


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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136, the applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of one month to respond to the final Office Action dated November 28, 2005.

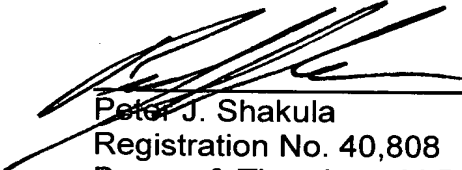
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